Interpellation.	Answer.
19. III. (*a*) Is it true that 1,200 acres of land in the Thodupuzha taluk were registered a year or two ago without *tharavila* in the name of Agricultural and Industrial (Krishi Vyavasaya) Association, Punnathra, Ettumanoor, for sugar-cane cultivation?	*Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.* No land was registered without recovery of *tharavila*. In December 1915, Government sanctioned the registry of 1000 acres of land in Survey Number 179/1 in the Karimannur pakuthi, Thodupuzha taluk, in the name of the Punnathra Agricultural and Industrial Company, Ltd., for sugar-cane cultivation, at a *tharavila* of Rs. 3 per acre for the dry land and Rs. 50 per acre for the wet land, these being the minimum rates then obtaining. In March 1920, a further area of 120·25 acres surveyed with the original grant was also assigned to the Company on the same conditions.
(*b*) Did the Government sell to Mr. Govinda Pillai, the Secretary of the above Association, for his personal use, the royal trees standing thereon, for Rs. 5,000?	Yes; the tree-growth was sold to him for a lump sum of Rs. 4,500.
(*c*) Were there other applications at the time, offering higher price for the above trees? If so, how many? What was the amount offered in each case?	Yes. There were two other offers. Paul Luiz of Ernakulam offered originally Rs. 4,000 and subsequently Bh. Rs. 5,000 and Mytheen Kutti Muhamed and Ithu Pillai together Rs. 7,000.
(*d*) Are the Government aware that Mr. Govinda Pillai presented an affidavit in a suit now going on in the Kottayam District Court concerning the sale of the above royal trees, that the price of trees felled from one hundred acres alone, out of the above 1,200 acres, amounts to Rs. 80,000?	The answer is in the negative.
(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to take steps towards the ascertainment of the actual price of the above royal trees?	Government do not propose to do so.
Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai.	*Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.*
20. I. (*a*). Will the Government be pleased to state when the Travancore University Committee was formed and when it was dissolved?	The Committee was formed on the 23rd November 1917 and it was dissolved on the 2nd March 1920.
(*b*) What expenditure has been incurred by Government on account of the above Committee?	The expenditure incurred, including that for the purchase of the necessary reference books, is Rs. 2,339-23-14.
(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the above Committee has submitted any report on the matters referred to it, and, if so, will the Government be pleased to publish the same?	Yes; the Committee submitted an interim report, but the Government do not propose to publish it at present.
(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend taking any further action in regard to the establishment of a University for Travancore?	Government do not propose to take any further action just at present in view to see what modifications will be introduced into the Madras University as the result of the recommendations of the Calcutta University Commission.
21. II. (*a*). Will the Government be pleased to place before the Council a statement showing the following particulars :—	

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